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Application No. 09/996,838

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Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Action, dated April 14, 2006, be extended one month, from July 14, 2006 to August 14, 2006.

A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of the extension fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized hereby also to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment

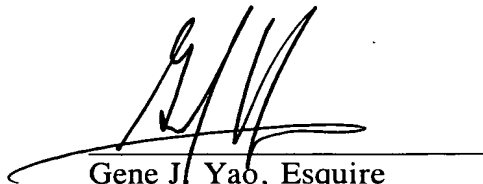
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